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SUBJECT: NAIROBI MAYOR CANDIDATE THREATENED WITH EXPULSION FROM KANU

REF: NAIROBI 8442

1. NAIROBI BRANCH OF RULING KANU PARTY HAS FORMALLY RECOMMENDED EXPULSION FROM PARTY OF DEPUTY MAYOR NGUMBA, IT WAS ANNOUNCED AUG 17 BY NAIROBI KANU BRANCH SECRETARY, KIBARA KABUTU. NGUMBA WAS CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR AGAINST PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER, INCUMBENT MAYOR MARGARET KENYATTA. KABUTU, WHO IS HIMSELF MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL, ALSO ANNOUNCED KANU EXPULSION HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR 15 OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL -- PRESUMABLY NGUMBA SUPPORTERS. IF RECOMMENDATIONS ARE APPROVED BY KANU NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND GOVERNING COUNCIL, COUNCILLORS INVOLVED -- INCLUDING NGUMBA -- WILL BE EXPELLED FROM COUNCIL AND HAVE TO SEEK NEW MANDATE FROM VOTERS AGAINST KANU-ENDORSED CANDIDATES. KABUTU SAID EXPULSION RECOMMENDED ON GROUNDS FAILURE TO SUPPORT CANDIDACY OF MISS KENYATTA, WHO WAS KANU'S OFFICIAL CANDIDATE.

2. ON AUG 10 (REFTEL) LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTER ROBERT MATANO, WHO IS ALSO NATIONAL KANU ACTING SECRETARY, BARRED COUNCIL INDEFINITELY FROM HOLDING MAYORAL ELECTION  
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SCHEDULED FOR AUG 12, DIRECTING THAT ALL PRESENT

INCUMBENTS CONTINUE ON UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED. MATANO SAID POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTION NECESSARY IN "INTERESTS OF PUBLIC SECURITY," "AS A MATTER OF COMMON SENSE" AND AS NECESSARY TO HEAD OFF "SECTIONAL SQUABBLES" WHICH HAD DEVELOPED ON CITY COUNCIL OVER ELECTION.

3. KABUTU, WHO ACCORDING NAIROBI PRESS WITHIN LAST FEW DAYS PRESENTED PRESIDENT KENYATTA MEMORANDUM ON NAIROBI ELECTION PROBLEMS, ALSO SUGGESTED AT NEWS CONFERENCE AUG 17 THAT "SOME MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHO HAVE CAUSED CONFUSION AND DISUNITY IN CONNECTION WITH NAIROBI MAYORAL ELECTIONS SHOULD ALSO BE EXPELLED FROM KANU."

4. REFERENCE TO MPS MAY FORESHADOW DISCIPLINARY MOVE AGAINST CHARLES RUBIA, DISSIDENT MP WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF NAIROBI BRANCH. RUBIA TOLD NAIROBI PRESS AUG 17, IN REFERENCE KABUTU'S ANNOUNCEMENT, THAT "THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY MEETING BY KANU NAIROBI BRANCH CONVENED AS REQUIRED BY THE PARTY'S CONSTITUTION TO DISCUSS EXPULSION OF A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PARTY." KABUTU CLAIMED EXPULSION ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN AT MEETING OF KANU CHAIRMEN OF NAIROBI SUB-BRANCHES, BUT NGUMBA, WHO IS SECRETARY OF ONE SUB-BRANCH, TOLD PRESS THERE HAS BEEN NO KANU COMMITTEE OR BRANCH MEETING IN NAIROBI TO DISCUSS CIVIC ELECTIONS. RUBIA WAS QUOTED BY PRESS CONFIRMING NGUMBA'S STATEMENT.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH AS RECENTLY AS AUG 13 NGUMBA AND MISS KENYATTA APPEARED TOGETHER IN NEWSPAPER PICTURE SHOWING "BUSINESS AS USUAL" IN CITY COUNCIL, IT APPEARS THAT NGUMBA FACTION WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY INTIMIDATED BY EARLIER SIGNS OF PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S DISPLEASURE.  
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